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SUBJ: SHIPPING: CARIBBEAN MULTINATIONAL FLEET(NAMUCAR)

REF: CARACAS 6682

1. DR LOPEZ OQUENDO, AN OFFICIAL IN VENEZUELAN DIRECTION DE LA MARINA MERCANTE, INFORMED MARITIME ATTACHE ON SEP 11 THAT THE EIGHT SIGNATORY NATIONS OF NAMUCAR ARE ALREADY EXPERIENCING WHAT HE TERMED "SERIOUS DISAGREEMENT" IN THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CUBA AND VENEZUELA NO OTHER MEMBER HAS PAID ITS ASSESSMENT DUE ON JUNE 30 TO FINANCE THE ORGANIZATION'S INITIAL ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATING EXPENSES.

2. LOPEZ OQUENDO SAID THAT MANY OF THE SIGNATORY NATIONS WERE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT VENEZUELA WOULD FOOT THE BILL FOR THESE EXPENSES. HE EXPRESSED SUPRISE THAT MEXICO, THE ALLEGED PRIME MOVER BEHIND NAMUCAR, IS ONE OF THE DELINGQUENTS AND HE CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD ADVISED HIS GOVT AT THE OUTSET NOT TO GET INVOLVED IN THE "POLITICALLY MOTIVATED" ORGANIZATION.

3. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE NORWEIGIAN AMBASSADOR HERE, A SHIPPING EXPERT WHO UNDERSTANDABLY FOLLOWS THESE MATTERS CLOSELY, PROFESSES A COMPLETE LACK OF CONCERN ABOUT NAMUCAR. HE TOLD OUR AMBASSADOR THAT EVEN IN THE VENEZUELAN WERE PREPARED TO FINANCE THIS EXPENSIVE ENTERPRISE -- WHICH HE DOUBTED WOULD BE THE CASE -- NAMUCAR WOULD TAKE MANY YEARS TO REACH THE STAGE OF EFFECTIVE OPERATION SINCE THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED SIMPLY DO NOT HAVE THE TRAINED MARITIME PERSONNEL REQUIRED FOR MODERN SHIPPING.

4. DURING MARITIME ATTACHE AUG 26 VISIT TO LIMA, COMMENT MADE BY OFFICIALS OF PERUVIAN DIRECTOR GENERAL DE TRANSPORTE ACUATICO ON BEING ASKED REACTION TO NAMUCAR WAS, "NEGATIVE." THEY EXPLAINED THAT IN THEIR VIEW NAMUCAR IS POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY UNWORKABLE.
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